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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO FINAL ACTION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application for Letters Patent and in response to the Office Action made final mailed August 26, 2003, (Paper No. 5) for which a response is due on or before November 26, 2003, please enter and consider the following Amendment and Remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.